

Charlton Kings Infants' School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



The main theme this term is **'Where in the world am I?'** and will be based around contrasting global locations (e.g. the Arctic, Antarctic, jungles, deserts and oceans). We will be learning about endangered animals and the climates associated with each location. We will follow the children's interests and we are excited to work with the children to see which direction our big question will lead us. During the term, each reception class will have the opportunity to find out about and meet some creatures that live in the jungle during an interactive workshop. We will be in touch with more details closer to the time.

In Literacy this term, the children will begin to learn the digraphs (two letters that make one sound (e.g. sh/ch/qu). They will be focusing on letter formation and reading/writing simple regular words (CVC) in sentences e.g. cat, mat, sat. For those children who are already able to read and write these simple words, we will be teaching them to use their phonic knowledge to attempt to read and write more complex words. We will also be looking at rhyming words and learning to read and write some 'tricky' words each week (words that cannot be sounded out). These words will be displayed on the Reception webpage and sent home on green card, for you to practise with your child (just like the yellow sound cards).

In Mathematics we will be continuing to explore numbers and the number system and develop our calculation skills. We will learn to describe and use language associated with patterns, shapes and position. We will explore length, weight, capacity and time. We will also continue to work on recognition and formation of the teen numbers.

We are so pleased with the progress lots of our children are making with their reading. Please ensure you continue to record each time your child reads in their reading diary. We would also like the children to begin to write their own comments in the reading diary. We have found that encouraging them to



write in their diaries helps to develop their early writing skills. Your comments also help us to know how they are getting on with their reading at home and when a new book is required.

Please read at home as often as possible in order to embed these newly learnt reading skills. In January the children will also bring home their log-in details to access an interactive reading web based programme called Bug Club. The log-in details and password will be stapled into the front of your child's reading diary.

Dates for your diary:

Please remember the upcoming **Family assemblies** where you will get a chance to join us in the hall for a celebration of our recent learning and the subsequent classroom visit where you can view your child's Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.

Yellow Class: Thursday 7th March 2.30pm

Red Class: Thursday 14th March 2.30pm

Blue Class: Thursday 21st March 2.30pm

Please continue to check the school calendar for important dates and visit our Reception page and class pages at:

<https://www.ckis.org.uk/page/?title=Reception&pid=37>

We would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you for your support during 2018 we look forward to working with you in 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Maclachlan & Gill Tayler (Yellow Class)

Joanne Jones (Red Class)

Emily Muskett (Blue Class)